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A TOWN FLAG!

TOWN FLAG DESIGN CONTEST

Located in the Great Hall at the Statehouse hangs a flag collection from many of the cities and towns in the Commonwealth. In 1993 all cities and towns were contacted to request their flags be represented in the gallery. To date, nearly 200 municipalities (out of 351) have submitted flags. Wendell is not among them.

The flags are 4'x6'. Some are made of broadcloth, more often of nylon or cotton. Designs are silkscreened, apinted, sewn, drawn with markers, appliqued. Embroidery seldom appears as it is expensive and time-consuming to reproduce.

The designs and colors of the flags are varied. Goshen's flag is of a black bear on a blue background. Worcester's flag shows a large heart in the center, that city being where Valentine cards were first mass-produced. Town seals and military symbols decorate others. Picturesque scenes adorn the flags of more than a few rural towns.

Steven Hill, Director of the Flag Project has suggested that having a town flag can be much more than joining with others in the gallery. Flags can be used to decorate the town common and town buildings, used by civic organizations, sold for fundraisers...

The Wendell Selectboard is requesting submissions for a contest to select a town flag. All designs need to be 4'x6'. You must be a resident of Wendell to enter. The Board especially encourages students at Swift River, Franklin Tech and Mahar, Senior citizens and local artists to enter. The deadline is Feb. 1, 1997. After all entries are received, they will be displayed in the Town Hall.

There will be opportunities for citizens to indicate their preferences. The Selectboard will then select a design and submit it to the Flag Project, hopefully on Flag Day, 1997. Any and all comments and suggestions are welcomed by the Selectboard.

Now, breathe deeply, let your creative juices flow and begin--designing Wendell's flag.

Anne Zak

Bears in Wendell

We saw a bear last night. My Mom saw it too. It was big, big, big and black. It was on Montague Street. It was just walking. It was on the street, and then it went back into the woods. My Mom said, "Teryn, do you see that bear over there?" At first we thought it was something else, but it was just a bear! That's the end.

Teryn Traub Citino, 3 1/2 years
West Road
Wendell Massachusetts Street.

FLU SHOTS
Wendell

MONDAY OCTOBER 28

1:00 - 2:00 PM

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In Memory of Tom Hulsebosch

This issue of "The Wendell Post" is dedicated to the memory of Tom Hulsebosch of Morse Village Rd., age 38. He and his wife, Karen, had just moved to town after purchasing the former Perrell property. Tom and Karen were here for 10 days, and then Tom had a tragic motorcyle accident in New Salem. Karen intends to make this her home. We hope this community will seek her out to stand by her in the face of this unexpected loss. She is a math teacher at G.C.C. He was a geology professor at UMass.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

OCT. 15th

7:00 p.m.
Wendell Town Hall

see posting places for Warrant

New Directory * Inside *

INSIDE STORIES...

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BEARS UNMASKED!
SUMMER PICTORIAL
WENDELL WOMAN OF THE YEAR
14 PAGES OF WENDELL WONDER~

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Articles: The Post welcomes signed, concise articles about topics of interest to Wendell

Letters: The Post accepts brief letters. Remember, passion doesn't need to be mean.

Artwork: Local artwork lovingly accepted. Must be in shiny black ink.

ADS $7.50 business card!

LETTERS

Coyote Shot

On the night of July 16 three gunshots rang out very close to our home on New Salem Road. I then saw a jeep-like vehicle drive slowly away. I immediately called the police (emergency dispatch) and was told an officer would be dispatched. An officer never showed up or even called that night or the next day.

The next day I investigated and on the side of the road about 300 feet from our house I found a dead coyote with bullet holes in its head.

Since the person who did this broke several game laws: discharging a firearm within 500 feet of a house, discharging a firearm on a public road, hunting coyote out of season, hunting in a posted wildlife sanctuary and most likely having a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle, I called the dispatch number for the Massachusetts Environmental Police. The person I talked to told me to contact my local DPW(to get the animal off the road, I presume?). When I informed him this person broke several game laws his response was "there's nothing we can do about it now anyway".

Two things about this incident make me very uncomfortable. The first is the obvious one that someone is traveling around at night shooting animals in close proximity to people's homes and the second is the lack of response from the people who are supposed to be enforcing the laws in this state.

Bill Lafley

ANY INTEREST OUT THERE...?

A couple of quotes from Bill Moyer's - A World of Ideas (II) struck me:
'David Denby laments that "Americans have ceased talking to one another. Instead, they entertain one another ... Under the tyranny of affability and simplicity, public discourse - in politics, religion, and education - has collapsed into smiling drivel."' He goes on to cite Herbert Kohn who warns that "if we do not provide time for the consideration of people and events in depth, we may end up training another generation of television adults who know what kind of toilet paper to buy, who know how to argue and humiliate others, but who are thoroughly incapable of discussing, much less dealing with, the major social and economic problems that are tearing Americ apart."

Following along these lines, we came up with an idea (really an invitation) that we want to throw out there, and see what happens...

We own some very engaging and informative audiotapes - a mix of interviews and talks on poltics, enviromental issues, ethics, etc. It seems a shame to keep these to ourselves, especially because they're not widely available. They're all very current and many of them are from Alternative Radio - (see the partial listing below).

We're wondering if anyone out there might be interested in hearing any of these tapes. We're not offering them out for loan, but rather would like to get together informally and listen to a tape, in part or whole - keep it spontaneous, which may mean, stop, rewind, discuss, - whatever. We're pretty flexible about this whole idea, but think it's important to connect with others and share this resource. If any of this sounds interesting, call us (544-5450) and let's work out a time (or another place if you don't want to come here).

Here's a list of some of the people who are featured in taped interviews and/or talks:

Noam Chomsky (5 different talks, interviews on the economy, foreign and domestic policy - many serious issues: 1990-1995)
Helen Caldicott (Future of the Planet - 3/28/95)
Barbara Ehrenreich (on the Media - 1994)
Molly Ivins (Excellent tape: hilarious satire mixed with serious commentary - 1995)
Michio Kaku (Legacy of nuclear weapons - 4/4/95)
Edward Herman (on a Democratic Media - 1993)
Ralph Nader (lecture, interview: unions, labor, domestic policy - Fall 1995)
Helena Norberg-Hodge (Rethinking Development
Edward Said (preeminent Palestinian speaker talks about Mid-East Peace - lecture, interview - 1995)
Rubin Blades (Hispanic Solidarity - lecture, 1996)
Mumia Abu-Jamal (brilliant speaker; imprisoned and on death-row – this interview was scheduled to be aired on NPR, but then cancelled – 1995)
Sara Diemond (Politics of the Christian Right - Feb. 1996)
Piven & Cloward (Politics of Family Values - lecture/interview - 1996)

Also, WAMC (90.3 FM) airs an hour of Alternative Radio every Thursday at 1:00 p.m. Finally, if anyone wants a copy of Alternative Radio's tape catalog (hundreds of tapes available), let us know – be happy to copy it for you.

Francis and Laura Doughty

OLD HOME DAY '96

Wendell Old Home Day this year was a very interesting and hard one for me and many others. O.H.D. was held on Sat., July 13. This is the day that the hurricane hit the northeast. When we were setting up on Friday evening there was talk of rain on Saturday afternoon and heavy rain and winds all Sunday. We never did discuss in detail if we should consider postponing the fair. My one experience with using our rain date happened 10 years ago. Saturday morning it was raining and we as a committee decided to have the fair the following day which had been advertised as our rain date. It poured on Sunday also. I think having had that as an experience had left me to not count on rain dates to be much better than whatever may be happening that day.

Our motto had been "Even if it rains, we're gonna shine!". Well, this year has given me much to think about. What I do know is being the one in charge, the one that is willing to put themselves on the line is sometimes not a very popular place to be. I extend my apologies to everyone who worked for the day and did not make any profit for their work. Some folks even got sick because they stuck it out in the downpour. It indeed was an interesting day. (There is an ancient curse - "May you live in interesting times")

Wendell Old Home Day has been one of the volunteer things that I have done for many years and it has been one of my favorite. I think sometimes there comes a time for change and maybe now is the time. Karen Copeland and myself have been the core group for a few years now and I know we both would welcome any input or help in any way. It can be an incredible experience to be part of something that usually turns out the townspeople in a positive way.

Anne Diemand

And Now For Your Local Weather

Wendell Weather

	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
Avg H Temp	58	71	79	78	83
Avg L Temp	35	43	57	59	59
Mean	45.7	57.5	67.7	68.3	71.2
Avg. Mean(89-95)	45.1	55.9	65.9	70.5	67.9
Rain	7.2	3.5	8.25	6.9	.65
Snow	18	0	0	0	0

The very snowy winter continued into the spring with 18" falling in April which brought the total snowfall for the winter up to 138.9"(11.5 feet)! The snowy winter turned into a rainy spring with twice my average rain (3.65") falling in April and almost 3 times my average (2.92") in June. Two storms are worth noting in June. I recorded 2.8" of rain for the storm on the 13th that did so much damage to roads in Montague, Leverett, and Shutesbury. This was a very localized storm with estimates of 6" of rain falling in 3 hours along a corridor from Route 63 up North Leverett Road to the southern part of Wendell. Five days earlier I recorded 3.25" and this storm was eclipsed by the 4.8" of rain that fell when the remnants of Hurricane Bertha passed over on July 13th.

A wet July was followed by an extremely dry August (my average is 5.7"). In fact the majority (6.2") of July's rain fell in the first half of the month which means that only 1.6" of rain has fallen in the past 54 days (7/16 - 9/8).

July was also very cool with the average H temp. 4 degrees below average. This was also only the second time in 8 years that August was warmer than July.

A look ahead shows my average date of first frost is Sept. 29th with the earliest frost I've recorded on the 20th of Sept. and the latest on the 3rd of October. Enjoy the fall!

Bill Lafley

Community Protection Planning

SAFETY PROGRAMS

The Wendell and New Salem Police Departments have been working on gathering information to set up a series of classes and workshops dealing with safety issues. We have some monies available to us from the D.A.R.E and the Community Policing programs that we could use towards defraying the cost of these classes. The State Police also have programs they will do at no cost to the town. I have been contacting different organizations to find out prices and what is offered. My goal is to have several violence prevention programs that townspeople can chose to participate in.

Our goal is to have these classes start during the winter - spring time. I have also spoken with one of the Mahar Regional School gym teachers and she is very interested in seeing if anything could be included in the school curriculum. We can use the D.A.R.E. money for children in K - 12 grades and the Community Policing money for a community based program.

If anyone is interested in finding out more information or if there is a specific class or workshop you have an interest in, please contact me at 544-6111 or Chief Spaulding at 544-2141.

Anne Diemand

Wendell Store Robbed

The Wendell Country Store was broken into and robbed early in the morning on Sept 21. It was the third time in less than three years that the store has been burglarized. Proprietors Patti and Vic Scutari estimated that more than $1,000 in merchandise was stolen, mostly cigarettes and liquor. The thieves broke in through a iron gated window that recently had been re-installed to make it more secure. "We, only recently, paid $700 to secure the gates on our windows," the Scutaris said it was a waste of money. To make things worse, the store's entire cigarette inventory was stolen just as the excise tax jumped, forcing the store to pay a 15% higher replacement cost.

"This is a tremendous loss, a monumental setback for the store," Patti said."We can't afford theft insurance because the cost is prohibitive in a community without a professional police force. It's a catch 22," she said. The Scutaris said that the Wendell Police took a statement from one of their workers, but had not spoken to them. "I haven't heard a thing from the local police since the incident so I don't know if there is a working investigation in progress." Vic said. "I do know that on that same night there were several robberies in neighboring New Salem." "The store, and all of Wendell will continue to be seriously vulnerable and easy pickins unless some positive action is taken," he said.

Patti stressed the grave future the store is facing. "To overcome this latest disaster, we need to get more support from the community. Failing that, we will have to consider other uses for the property," she said.

Wendell Fire Dept. At Work

Ten o'clock on Sunday, August 18, five members of the Wendell Fire Dept. at Mormon Hollow Auto Parts for training in vehicle extrication using the Jaws of Life. The three automobiles donated by Joe Diemand were scrap at the end of the day.

The equipment used consists of a gasoline-powered hydraulic pump, hoses, and three tools, a spreader with two titanium jaws, a cutter, like powerful tin snips, and a ram. All three are designed to be put in position with two hands, and operated with one hand so that the operator can stand back out of harm's way; the tool stops if the operator's hand comes off the control. The tool will stay in whatever position it stopped until moved by its own controls and hydraulics. The instructor said you could lift a car with the spreader and come back a week later to find the car still in the air in the same position.

A vehicle is not opened until an EMT or other medical person has managed to get inside to stabilize, assess, comfort, and cover the patient to protect him from glass and sharp edges. The windshield is cut along its top and sides, and then folded forward and lifted out and placed under the car and out of the way. The side windows are removed and the doors pried and cut open with the spreaders and cutters. The roof pillars are cut, and the sharp edges covered, and then the ram can fold the roof back around a pole. According to Erving firefighters who have used the Jaws in real situations, the process takes about 15 minutes.

Ideally two teams of two cooperate, one team using the spreader and the other team using the cutter. The second member of each team keeps the hoses slack, available, but out of the way. Volunteer departments, with members who work out of town, do the best they can with whoever arrives.

Wendell does not have the Jaws of Life, but Orange, Turners Falls and Erving do, and their responses of mutual aid have always been fast and enthusiastic.

Local Sports

Teen Soccer Team Forming

Thanks to the generosity of area individuals and businesses, Wendell and New Salem youths have formed a travel soccer team. Justin McGrath, Andy Young, Ed Boland and Mark Urban volunteered to organize, coach, and manage the team.

In the effort to find a league to join, Andy researched the Amherst area, while Ed accessed the Internet. They came up with an opening in the Mass. Premier League (MAPLE) entry division for boys under 12. Entry into the coveted league was possible with the quick work of Justin, Ed, Andy, and Mark who needed to provide a final roster and $400 entry fee. Larry Eaton Builders and the New Salem General Store generously came forward to co-sponsor the team's entrance into the MAPLE-D competition.

Additional donations have been gratefully accepted from the New Salem Fire Fighters Association, Mr. G's Sunoco in Orange, American Modular Homes, Houghtlin Electric of Orange, The New Salem Bakery, Brian Pollard Excavating of Erving, Milton D. Serverance of Northfield, The Wendell Country Store, and Todd and Terri Raymond of Turners Falls.

These monies have been applied to the cost of uniforms, paint, field markers, and balls. The team welcomes financial support from interested and supportive community members.

George Spaulding, Chief of Police in New Salem, has been instrumental in securing a grant from the DARE program to help in renovating Fay Field in New Salem. With the cooperation of the New Salem DPW, the field will be loamed and seeded this fall, in preparation for use in league games in the Spring of 1997.

For this Fall season, all games are out of town, primarily in the I495 region of Eastern Mass.

Participation on the team requires a strong commitment of both youths and their parents, as there are three practices every week, and games out of town each Sunday.

Our team, Swift River United, is the only co-ed team in this boys' division,and is also the only team with members from one small school district. Recent openings for two substitute positions on the Eastern Mass. teams saw 152 players try out!

We will have tryouts for the Spring season for residents of Wendell and New Salem.

Team members this Fall are Mallory Barber, Artie Billings, Travis Boland, Lana Brol, Jamie Coco, Tim Columbia, Joe Davis, Luke Doody, David Ewell, Keri Ewell, Richard Johnson, Josh McGrath, Sean McGrath, Yuya Morimoto, Vic Scutari, Michael Verney, Tavi Wings, and Josh Young.

Our commendations to their dedication and best wishes for a fine season!

Mary Jane Brol

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A PLACE TO PLAY!

PLAYGROUND UPDATE

Things are taking shape at the Wendell Center playground. On Sunday, Sept. 29 there was a work party from 9-6. Many people showed up to work on preparing and putting together of playground equipment. This has been a long haul for the committee to make it to this point and it is a boost to everyone's energy to see the playground actually take shape after so long of dealing with meetings and paperwork and controversy. It is indeed good to have things set in cement and tangible and almost ready to be played upon. Much prep work went into the work day and I hope everyone who participated knows what a wonderful contribution they have made for many generations to come.

The cement was poured on Oct. 1 and there will be work continuing to be done until the playground is in full working order. Anyone interested in helping out either at another work party or on anindividual basis please contact Bill or Kim at 544-2913 or Frank or Karen at 544-7643.

Many hands and minds have made this playground a possibility. The donations of time, money, whatever expertise different ones have given has been a joy to see. The latest donation is one by Michael Idione. Michael is donating timbers that he has sawed on his sawmill in Wendell. These timbers will be used to contain the bark mulch around the equipment.

As of press time we are looking at a second work party to be held in October. Please be on the lookout for posters for when this will be held.

Anne Diemand

A PLACE TO CARE!

THE SWIFT RIVER SCHOOL
PARENT TEACHER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

A major goal of the Swift River School's P.T.C.A. is to foster communication, cooperation and understanding between the school, its families and the community. Their efforts to helping families be in touch with each other, and inform the public of school activities, etc. can be seen in the production every year of the monthly school newsletter, and The Wendell Post school news entries. They offer ways for families to interact with each other by organizing gatherings such as the School Fall Festival, Field Day, and Parenting Workshops... They see to it that the School Directory is updated and gets out to every family each fall. Most importantly, the P.T.C.A. enriches our school by facilitating the process of finding and matching volunteers to all of the extra help needed at the school every day of every year.

The Swift River School P.T.C.A. also provides monetary support for enrichment activities not always funded in the school budget such as contributions to the Celebrating Diversity Program, playground equipment, spending cash for classrooms, etc. They finance childcare during many evening meetings for parents at the school. They think of many other various ways to contribute from providing bulbs for the school grounds, to offering special tokens of congratulations for our graduating sixth graders... They also find ways to offer appreciation celebrations in honor of teachers and volunteers each year. The P.T.C.A.'s financial contributions are made possible by fundraisers which have included book fairs, raffles, winter equiptment tag sales, Tee shirt sales, Common Cents, and bake sales.

Our school is fortunate to have so many caring, motivated, and creative P.T.C.A. members over the past few years. This year they need some more help. Several board members are unable to devote as much time and attention to planning as they have in the past, and the P.T.C.A. is looking for some new people, with new ideas of ways to help the school help our kids.

The P.T.C.A. executive board meets at least once a month at times most convenient for all members usually at the school. The time and date of the next meeting will be posted in the school newsletter soon.

If you have questions you may call me at 544-7864. Many thanks on behalf of the Swift River School P.T.C.A.

- Molly Kaynor

TAKING CARE OF OURSELVES

MID LIFE SERVICES

The Family Planning Council's Greenfield, Northampton and Amherst Health Centers have expanded their existing Breast Health sessions to include a broader array of Midlife Health Services. These sessions include the comprehensive health services which are available at FPC's regular clinics. They also offer education and preventive health services focused on the particular needs of women beginning or in the midst of menopause, including:

* cervical, breast and other types of cancer screening
* referrals for colposcopies & mammograms
* screening for heart disease, thyroid problems, diabetes
* hormone replacement therapy
* osteoporosis screening

"Over our 23-year history, the FPC has seen that women's health services cannot end with the childbearing years," says FPC Executive Director Leslie Laurie. "Older women have particular concerns and health needs that are best addressed as a group."

For the past 3 years another FPC program, the Breast Health Project, has provided breast and cervical health services to older, un- and underinsured women. The addition of new services has allowed the FPC to better serve this age group.

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DANA the Pumpkin Kid

HARVEST FESTIVE FESTIVE

The Harvest Festival on Sept. 21 brought out for show the prodigious bounty of Wendell and surrounding towns--vegetables, flowers, and locally-produced wine and beer.

Giant pumpkins, zucchini, cauliflower, cabbage, sunflowers and more were entered in the BIG contest. There were displays of unusual varieties, such as Sarah Kohler's yellow stuffing tomatoes and narrow white and purple eggplants.

Sarah recruited local sponsors who generously donated prizes for the winners in the numerous categories. Kathy Swaim served knowledgeably as judge.

The autumnal equinox coincided with perfect weather as we were treated to a performance by Hoopo the mime, a new Wendell resident; a bellydancing class led by Anne Marie Meltzer, complete with a veil dance; songs of the seasons by singer/songwriter Michael Saracino (a Cultural Council grantee); what's Wendell without a rock band, provided by the local Potluck Bandwagon; our local drummers; a premier appearance by Chiquita Zucchini with head of fruit and armed with wooden zucchini; and a Tai Chi demonstration by Sally Ally and cohorts.

A flea market to benefit Mary McBride's cat program, the loyal Saturday AM Farmers' Market, and other vendors rounded it all out.

Happy Fall to you all!

Gloria Kegeles

HALLOWEEN GHOSTLETS

Every year Halloween seems to make me sigh. My friend, Annie Diemand, says to tell you why.

At my house we get candy and wait by the door to see all the goblins, ghosts, and more.

Cars full of tricker-treaters race right by, but few ever stop to get out and say hi.

Last year we "treated" some. One asked, "You don't have kids, is it okay to come?"

To her we are different, she was honest and true. Thanks to her, finally I knew.

Underneath our masks we each are people with dreams. All that is, is not what it seems.

Outside it looks like I have just dogs, that's no mother. But inside I remember a time that was other.

A mother of lost babies is a woman still, living in the world with a new found will.

Set out the pumpkin, smile in the night. Enjoy the imagination of children when they find its light.

K.B.

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LOCAL OPPORTUNITY

JOB CREATION AND COMPUTER ACCESS PROJECTS FUNDED BY STATE GRANT

The Community Enterprise Economic Development (CEED) program has awarded Millers River Community Development (CDC) a $26,000 grant for computer access, job creation, and small business assistance programs benefiting the north Quabbin area.

The grant helps continue Millers River CDC's successful business assistance program. The program provides management counseling and loans. Also, small businesses can locate at the Athol Enterprise Center and benefit from custom work space and shared office support services.

Millers River's computer literacy program includes training classes, seminars, the sale of low-cost computers, and a telework center. Small business owners, job hunters, and anyone who wishes to use a computer at the telework center (134 Chestnut Hill Ave., Athol) can get on the internet or learn to use this technology.

Finally, Millers River CDC is laying the foundation for an "electronic village" link, via computer, residents, students, educators, business people, government officials, and community workers. The web of computers will link people in Millers River CDC's service area--Athol, Erving, New Salem, Orange, Petersham, Phillipston, Royalston, Warwick, and Wendell.

CEED funds community improvement projects throughout Massachusetts. **MILLERS RIVER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION** 134 chestnut Hill avenue, Athol, MA 01331 (508) 249-9295 * Contact: David Young

JOB OPENING

The Town of Wendell seeks two (2) part-time (as needed, approx. 2 hours per week) clerks for the Selectboard and Accountant's offices.
Requirements:
Selectboard Office - Strong clerical background, familiar with Word Perfect/Word, flexible scheduling.
Accountant's Office - Bookkeeping background, familiar with spreadsheet program, good attention to detail.
Interested parties should submit resume no later than 10/15/96 to Wendell Selectboard, PO Box 41, Wendell, MA 01379. The Town of Wendell is an AA/EEO/ADA employer.

GRANTS AVAILABLE

The Wendell Cultural Council (WCC) has received an allocation of funds from the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) and is now accepting applications for LCC and PASS grants. Applications are available at the Wendell Free Library and the Wendell Center Post Office and the deadline is October 15, 1996.

The LCC grants are for projects directed to efforts in the arts, humanities or the interpretive sciences that will benefit the people of this community. LCC grant applicants must be Massachusetts residents or non-profit organizations and have one year experience in the activity for which funds are being requested. Applicants must submit a resume and two references and/or reviews of his/her work and/or submit the same for any other key players involved in the project.

The PASS Program now allows Massachusetts schools and other civic organizations (who escort children on field trips) to apply for funds for students, grades Pre-K - 12, to visit art, humanities and science museums and organizations, as well as performing arts events.

All awards are on a reimbursement basis and subject to final approval by the MCC. Since funds are limited, modest budget proposals or requests for partial funding are recommended. For further info, call (508) 544-2913.

Mail completed applications to the Wendell Cultural Council, c/o Kim Noyes, 219 New Salem Road Rd. Wendell, MA 01379 or drop them at the Town Office Bldg., 9am - 3pm, Monday - Friday.

CULTERAL COUNCIL OPENING

The Wendell Cultural Council has an opening on their board. The council awards funding for local artistic, cultural and natural history projects and performances for the community. If you are interested and would like more information please contact Phyllis Lawrence at (413) 367-2175 or Kim Noyes at 544-2913.

FIRE LOG

Lake Grove School	4\11\96	Medical Call
97 Locke Hill Rd	4\13\96	Chimney Fire
Wendell Depot Rd.	4\17\96	Vehicle Rollover/Med.
Wicket Pond Rd.	4\30\96	Medical Call
Jennison Rd.	6\3\96	Fire Alarm Sounding
32 West Rd.	6\4\96	Vehicle Accident
19 Old Stage Rd.	6\8\96	Structure Fire
281 Jennison Rd.	6\8\96	Alarm Sounding
174 West Rd.	6\13\96	Cellar Pump
97 Wendell Depot Rd.	6\25\96	Electrical Fire
1 Locke Hill Rd.	7\4\96	Illegal Burn
345 Farley Rd.	8\6\96	Well Pump
219 Jennison Rd.	8\7\96	Medical Call
1 Locke Hill Rd.	8\20\96	Illegal Burn

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Looking for well-constructed house in Wendell on quiet street, two or more bedrooms. Principals please call 544-0922.

Don Stone

JOINS MILLERS RIVER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Donald E. Stone, former Professor of Accounting at UMass Amherst, recently joined the Millers River CDC as Small Business Counsellor where he will provide technical assistance and consultation to local entrepreneurs starting businesses. He will also advise existing owners on how to strengthen their companies.

As part of his new position, Don will hold classes and run workshops in the area for those interested in learning or improving their business skills, and will also work with the local "Working Capital" groups which give financial aid as well as advice and mutual support to small entrepreneurs.

A resident of Wendell since 1970 when he joined the UMass faculty, Don took early retirement only to begin a second career. Besides his new position at Millers River CDC, he teaches a course in Environmental Accounting at Antioch New England Graduate School in Keene NH.

During his tenure as a fulltime faculty member, Don advised small businesses in the 9-town North Quabbin region. He is also a member of Business for Social Responsibility, a national organization which promotes the 'multiple bottom-line' concept in which for-profit businesses operate in a way to benefit everyone involved--not only the owners and management but employees, customers, suppliers and related enterprises.

100 Years Rural Free Delivery

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In August, the Wendell Post Office held a number of activities commemorating 100 years of Rural Free Delivery. Included among those activities was the creation of a special Commemorative Cancellation Stamp to honor the occasion.

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1996-1997

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Charles Bowes 544-7735
Ted Gagnon 544-8933
Marion Herrick, Clerk 544-6373
Mary McBride 544-3925
Jean Dwight 544-3395
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Richie Wilder 544-7961

Civil Defense
Sarah deRoode, Director 544-8695
Ed Farmer 544-2688

Conservation Commission
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William Lafley 544-2913
Mason Phelps 544-2735
Charles Smith 544-6933

Constable
David Wilder 544-2773

Council on Aging
Elsie Diemand 544-2762
Elizabeth Scully 544-3142

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Sunday 9am-8pm)

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(meets 1st & 3rd Mondays 6:30pm)

Fire Station 544-3500
Everett Ricketts, Chief 544-3494
Bob Bowers, Deputy Chief 544-2082
Ed Farmer, Lt. 544-2688

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Bob Bowers — Everett Ricketts
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vacancy

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vacancy

Health Agent Inspector
Charles Smith 544-6933

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(2nd & 4th Mon 7:30, Town Hall -- 544-3775)
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Andy Hamilton
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544-3395

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Joanne Carey office 544-7499
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Tree Warden
Daniel Bacigalupo 544-2336

V

Veterans Agent
Alan Baldwin 544-3509

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Sunday 9am-8pm)

Wendell Depot Store
(Monday-Friday 7-11am, 1-5pm 544-6682
Saturday 7-11am)

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Wednesday 1-8pm
Saturday 9:30am-2:30pm)
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196 Citizen of the Year Anne Diemand

INTERVIEW WITH ANNE DIEMANL

WENDELL POST: First I want to congratulate you on receiving the Citizen of the Year Award.

ANNE DIEMAND: Thanks.

W.P.: Were you surprised? I wasn't!

A.D.: I was. I actually was. Because there are alot of people who do alot of things in town.

W.P.: I know that Old Home Day is one of the things you've been involved in for many years now, and there are so many other areas of involvement. The Wendell Post... the spring clean-up, your work on the Fire Department and now the Police Department, lots of volunteering at the school and elsewhere, organizing caroling at the home of elders, and much more. Obviously, you're a person of great inspiration.

A.D.: That's what makes me happy. ...I think we're all put here on earth for a purpose, and part of my purpose is to be involved in these ways. ... And I get alot from it, too, I really do! Like this morning when I woke up I felt kind of sad, and I kind of felt like just going back to bed and maybe hiding under the covers! (laughter)..But then I decided to visit my brother who has a leg injury. And now I feel alot better, you know?

W.P.: When did you start volunteering?

A.D.: ...As a teenager...I left the area. I moved out to Montana. So Montana was beautiful and I loved Montana... When I returned to Wendell and decided to stay in the area and work on the farm, I think that it was with the fire department that I began volunteering. ...I knew there was the need and I'd always been afraid of fire, so it just seemed to make sense to join. And after that it was just little things that would come up. Lots of little things. And then Old Home Day.

W.P.: You're a single mom with two kids, working three different jobs, and then there is so much else here in town that you're involved with. How do you create the time in your life to do so much?

A.D.: I think that sometimes "being busy" can be a matter of perception, I really do. And I enjoy what I do, I get alot from it.

W.P.: One of the projects that you've worked on recently, along with Ted Lewis, is the Well Fund. How did that evolve?

A.D.: Well, I think that was about three or four years ago now... I was on the town common and it just came to me in a flash that we live in this beautiful, rural town and it was totally ridiculous that we couldn't drink the water in the town hall! And I'd known that (about the need for a well) in the back of my head all my life, but suddenly I thought, this is just silly, and decided to try to do something about it. So I went to some of the town officials ... and talked to them about trying to raise the money for a well, and they said great. ...There were alot of problems, alot of frustrations with the project. After we had finally raised the money and gotten the water from the well into the town hall, we found out that the water wasn't good...we needed a better, more expensive filtration system. So that really felt like, OK God, what's going on here? (laughter) And people would say to me, "Anne, you've already hit me up three times for a ten-dollar ticket--what's going on here?"

And then, what was really cool is that Senator Rosenberg and State Rep. Kulik had come up to one of the Wendell Old Home days and heard about the well fund. Afterward they arranged for us to get a $5,000 grant! So with that money we were able to get a better filtration system and we had money left over that we had raised. So, Ted and I went to Hawaii! (peels of laughter) No, we talked about it, but no! We ended up having $2,500 left over to give to the town.

W.P.: What a great story! Now, how and when did you become a police officer?

A.D.: OK. I had quit the fire department--I resigned from that. And the reason was...part of it was burnout, and some of it was my family, my kids. I had just been so busy. And it was just so cool to be able to spend more time with the kids while they were small, and do things like bake cookies and hang curtains in my home--it was so cool. I thought to myself, I really want to do these things with them when they're still little! I also had time to do martial arts training, which I really enjoyed and had become very involved in.

Then a few years ago after a meeting in town, some town officials asked me if I was interested in the position of Civil Defense Director for Wendell. Now that is a very important job and the person who has it can do some real interesting stuff, but it is also demanding in terms of time, or can be, so I said no, absolutely not, I was not interested. But it got me thinking...along those lines and I had the idea of possibly becoming a police officer. When I mentioned the idea to some townspeople they were very encouraging so I decided to do it.

W.P.: So that's how it started.

A.D.: That's how it started. At first I was very naive about the whole thing--very naive. I thought that I could just sort of be a "peace officer" and not have to carry a gun or anything. (laughter) I tried to find out if there was some way I could just not carry a gun. I had handled a .22 before--a rifle--but never a handgun, and the idea just really scared me. Mainly, I was afraid that someone could get it away from me and use it against me. Now, after training, I'm comfortable with carrying the gun.

W.P.: Do you have set hours on the police department or are you just called in when needed?

A.D.: We're called in when something comes up that needs to be dealt with, and we're paid by the hour, $7.12 an hour I think--about a third of what I make working at the jail in Greenfield! So it's definitely more a labor of love than anything else right now.

W.P.: So you enjoy the work.

A.D.: I love it, I really do. But it also gets intense--very intense sometimes. ...It can be hard knowing about people's pain and their need for healing, their skeletons... And there have been times when my actions have been misunderstood. Recently that happened, when something I did that was meant to be a very loving, from-the-heart gesture was misinterpreted. That hurt. You know, I'm just doing my job and I'm also human, I have feelings, and my heart goes out to people.

W.P.: Has your work on the police department in Wendell changed your perspective about the town?

A.D.: Oh yeah! (lots of laughter)

W.P.: In what ways?

A.D.: This is something I think about alot, actually. When I used to drive through town I'd just see all the beautiful, peaceful woodlands. Now I'll drive through and pass an area and remember that a rape occurred there, or a break-in, or domestic violence.

W.P.: Crime scenes.

A.D.: Sometimes, yes.

W.P.: I perceive you as a very balanced, focused person. You mentioned martial arts training. What else helps you to recharge and keep going?

A.D.: My time with family and friends, definitely. And hot baths, and reading before I go to sleep at night. Reading's a big one because when I read I just let go of all the stuff that's going around in my head for awhile. And my motorcycle.

W.P.: Motorcycle?

A.D.: I have a BMW motorcycle that I bought about three years ago. It was definitely a real extravagance at the time, but I love it. When I'm riding no one can touch me--well, sure another motorcycle or car could hit me (laughter)--but it's really just me and my own head--very freeing.

W.P.: Is there anything you've done over the years in Wendell that is particularly special to you?

A.D.: Well, the Wendell Old Home Day has always been very special for me. And the work on the Post. There's always something magical about how each issue starts with a handful of people brainstorming--and then to see the finished product a month or so later. It always seems like a miracle! I also have fond memories of my early days on the fire department in the seventies. Sometimes we would

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be responding to a call and while we were driving through the center of town with the firetruck, and some of the members of the Outer Space Band would jump on the back of the truck to help out... I loved that. I have great memories of those times.

W.P.: What do you see as Wendell's greatest strength as a community?

A.D.: It's also the thing that frustrates me the most sometimes--the openness of the town. I mean, pretty much anything I've wanted to do in Wendell, I've had the support and backing.

W.P.: And what do you see as areas of need or weakness in Wendell?

A.D.: Well, it's the same thing! The same openness and willingness to listen can also be a real frustration. I mean, I know alot of people who used to go to town meeting but won't go anymore because sometimes people will stand up and just talk on and on...

W.P.: Is there anything else you'd like to add, Anne?

A.D.: I'd like to say something about my children--I have two amazing children--Tessa, who just started at Mahar, and Jacob, who is a junior this year. If anyone has been affected by my involvement in the town through the years, it's been my children. And I don't mean in a bad way, but it definitely has made a difference in their lives. Jacob is on the football team at Mahar and has become a real good player. I can't be sure, but I think maybe the whole concept of teamwork is something I helped nurture in him.

W.P.: Thanks, Anne, for taking the time for this. And again, congratulations.

A.D.: Thank you.

-Beth McConnell

Witch Story

Multiple Great-Granddaughter of the "Witch of Northampton" Alive and Well in Wendell.

My multiple great grandma was not a witch, honest. But this is the story of what happened to her. Watch out that it doesn't happen to you. And don't look at me if strange things go on around here.

The first case of witchcraft in Northampton came to trial in 1674. Mary Parson, wife of Cornet Joseph Parsons, one of the first settlers in town, who had disembarked as a child in Plymouth and moved to the "wilds" to become one of Northampton's most prominent citizens, was the accused.

"She was...a woman of more than ordinary intelligence, and of unquestioned respectability. Her accusers were also persons of high standing and good reputation. How much revenge, jealousy, or spite may have influenced the prosecutors is not known, but there is reason to believe that the imputation grew out of an old quarrel of some eighteen years standing." (Trumbull's History of Northampton) Mary was different: rich, beautiful, high strung, argumentative. One man complained, "I cannot have my mind from this woman yt if shee be not right this way, shee may be a cause of these things, though I desire to look to ye overwhelming hand of God in all."

For eighteen years she was suspected as being the cause of unexplainable events and sicknesses of people and animals, and was brought to trial three times for the charge of practicing witchcraft. Finally she was taken to Boston and jailed for three months, her body searched for devil marks. In court she was called upon to speak for herself, which she did effectively. The jury found her innocent. Mary Parsons returned home to Northampton.

Not content to let the business end, the villagers took up calling her son, John Parsons, a warlock. He had angered "witch-finders", the Bartletts and Bridgemans, by defending the innocence and dignity of his mother.

When Mary's younger son was killed in a battle at Northfield by Indians, it was said to be God's judgement on the family. Cornet Joseph Parsons and Mary and some of their children retreated to Springfield. John Parsons remained, held town offices in Northampton, and was a Captain in the King Philip's War.

As for the "wrath of God", two of Capt. Parson's children were killed by Indians, two drowned in the Connecticut River. A surviving son, William, married his cousin, Mary Ashley (Parsons). Lieut. William Parsons lost all but two of his children in infancy or to drowning. His only surviving son, Samuel Parsons, served as a Lieut. in the 2nd Mass. Regt. in the Revolution; was wounded and lame the rest of his life. His daughter, named Mary Parsons, wed and moved to upstate New York and prospered.

Three generations later, a single son left Niagara County, took a wife, named Mary, and moved to Ohio. Their daughter now lives in Wendell, Kathy Becker, multiple-granddaughter of the "Witch of Northampton", Mary Parsons.

Footnote: The person Mary Parsons was accused of killing by witchcraft was one of her in-laws, John Stebbins, likely an ancestor of Wendell's Stebbins family, who were prominent in Northampton at the time. Ironically, her son, John Parsons, so-called "warlock", took as his wife another relative of the Stebbins family, Abigail Stebbins, joining the two families for all time.

Presently, descendants of both these families live side by side on Locke Hill Rd, by coincidence, with graves of the earlier Stebbins family not too far away in the Jennison/Locke Hill intersection cemetery.

Kathy Becker

Whitewater Challange

In August I went on a whitewater rafting trip down the Middle Fork and Main Salmon Rivers in Idaho with seven other women who, like me, have a history of breast cancer. I was born in Idaho and as an adult it had long been a dream of mine to return to my "roots" and to get to know the incredible wilderness areas around the Salmon Rivers (the largest in the 48 states). The purpose of the trip was to provide a challenging fun experience for those of us who've had that difficult experience of breast cancer--while at the same time focusing attention on the breast cancer epidemic and raising money to fight it.

Idaho has a very stark kind of beauty--and incredible wildlife. I saw golden eagles, osprey, black bear, deer, otter, and Rocky Mountain big horned sheep with their baby lambs. I floated through spectacular canyons, bathed in natural hot springs, saw waterfalls. The Middle Fork of the Salmon River is crystal clear and shallow. We could see every rock on the bottom--sometimes rounded river rocks, other times huge outcroppings of jagged granite. It was great to spend eleven days in a place with no roads, no motor boats (on the Middle Fork), no trash (we hauled out all waste). The whitewater was beautiful and exhilarating, and I learned to row class II rapids!

Each night after dinner one of us who had had breast cancer told her story--and they were all moving stories. All of us had been through fear and pain but were now on the river to tell about it--and to inspire each other. The rest of the days were filled with laughter. Cancer survivors love to joke and this group was no exception.

We also had four guides and one photographer on the trip. We were all women, an unusual event on the river. And we worked really hard, setting up camp every evening, rowing rapids during the day. I came home exhausted!

I am really thankful for having had the opportunity to go on this Idaho trip. Many Wendell folks supported me with many gifts to the Breast Cancer Fund for which I am deeply grateful. And I can still accept contributions!

In preparing for the trip I spent a lot of time biking this summer with a goal of being able to ride from my house up the Morse Village Road hill to Wendell Center. It wasn't easy, but I made that goal!

Anne Perkins

Woman's Cancer Support Group

The Breast Health Project, a program of The Family Planning Council of Western Mass., has formed two eight-week support groups for women with breast cancer. The first group is for women who are newly diagnosed and the second for women who are dealing with a recurrence of the disease or a Stage III or IV diagnosis.

The recently diagnosed group will be facilitated by Carol Drexler, a psychotherapist and breast cancer survivor.

The group with recurrent disease or Stage III or IV diagnosis will be facilitated by oncology social worker Dianna Young.

Both groups are free, and will meet once a week. Times and dates have not yet been determined.

To pre-register, please call Anne Perkins at the Breast Health Project at 413-586-2016.

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SELECTBOARD MINUTES

Wendell Selectboard Meeting, April 30, 1996 Minutes members present were Anne Zak, Margo Culley, And Ted Lewis. Also present were Joe Coll, Athol Daily News,Holly Brooks, Greenfield Recorder, Regina Curtis, Town Coordinator and Wanita Sears.Warrant and minutes were signed. Correspondence was reviewed. Meeting convened at 7:00.

Anne Zak reviewed work needed at Town Hall. bids received, and priority of repairs. Volunteers from Lake Grove School, Town officials, and Full Moon Coffeehouse committee have cleaned off the stage for curtain repair.

A Town Common Advisory Committee of five people will be formed at the Annual Town Meeting.

Fin Com determined that the Fire Department phone bill from Shelburne Dispatch will be paid from the Fire Department budget as Fin Com cannot grant a reserve request.

Board agreed that Sid Mann's removal of stone slabs does not require a special permit.

Regina Curtis will post a request in the MMA newsletter to any local towns that may have bylaws on Shade Trees and Scenic Roads.

Anne Zak signed MRF Education contract.

Swift River School Committee Meeting is May 2, 1996 at 7:30.

The Board appointed Regina Curtis, Ted Lewis, and Danny Baciagalupo, as Surplus Property Representatives.

All Board Meeting convened.

Dorothy Cleveland from the ZBA presented drafts of requirements for ZBA variances and use regulations. She spoke of a hearing on May 20,1996 at 7:00 for a group of low income housing units.

Board will charge a filing fee to cover costs of notifying abutters.

Regina Curtis and Ted Lewis commented on current infrastructure projects, Morse Village Road will be closed for 1 to 2 months after school is out, dry hydrant work has begun, Depot Road culvert work, Jennison Road bridge is on waiting list, and Depot Road bridge is on State list.

Final report received from Mad River Research on Local Partnership Program. The Farmer's Market, Business Association, and Arts were seen as viable resources for future Community Development. Regina Curtis noted the State is placing this in top priority.

Regina Curtis asked for ideas for the three top requests on the Community Action Statement.

Margo Culley commented on trends in State budget and regionalization. Focus at the MMA meeting was on the cost to the State for Education Reform. Franklin County Advisory Board meeting discussion was on abolishing County government. Regionalization was looked at as an alternative to cuts passed down from State and Federal funding.

Ms. Curtis has submitted information to the DPH on recent breast cancer diagnosis with the permission of those affected.

There is $1900 available now for Town Hall repairs. Meeting adjourned at 9:15

Ellis '92

Wendell Selectboard Meeting May 7, 1996 Minutes Members present were Anne Zak , Margo Culley, and Ted Lewis. Also present were Joe Coll, Athol Daily News, Holly Brooks, Greenfield Recorder, and Wanita Sears. Correspondence was reviewed. Meeting convened at 7:00.

George Boyle from NYNEX attended Pole Hearings. Board signed Wendell Depot. Rd. and Farley Rd. agreement.

Wendell Depot Rd. north delayed to May 14,1996 so that Mr. Boyle may speak to Michael Idoine of his concerns of proximity to driveway.

Center Rd. delayed to May 14 for discussion between NYNEX and Cheryl Richardson as the span is planned to go over her father's driveway.

Hugh Campbell and Peter Zschau of PZ Massamont Insurance reviewed coverage and answered questions about their Municipal Insurance Plan.

Josh Dostis attended requesting the Board's support of Senate bill S544 regulating nuclear waste transportation to Yucca Mountain, Nevada. Will be discussed at Annual Town Meeting.

MMA will hold a workshop for new selectmen on June 14,1996.

Congressman John Olver will hold a Public Forum entitled Securing the Future on May 13, 1996 at Greenfield Community College from 6:30 to 9:00.

Residents receiving letters for unregistered vehicles will have until June 1,1996 to remove them due to long mud season.

Judy Wilder advised the Board that the Historical Society has worked out a long term lease for the Meetinghouse beginning in July. Along with the Historical Commission they will work to restore the Meetinghouse. The Town Hall curtain along with other Town historical items will be on display.

Pam Howland of Rural Development Inc. a self help homebuilding nonprofit affiliate of the Franklin Regional Housing Authority spoke to the Board of their intention to seek a comprehensive permit from the ZBA for five families on Wren Gould Rd. Wren Gould Rd. was discontinued as a Wendell road in 1986 which does not give these parcels frontage. Two lots did have frontage on Jennison Rd. Anne Zak urged Ms. Howland to search for other Wendell sites.

The Town Hall will be closed on May 12-May 19, 1996. Thurmon Munson will return to Wendell to recondition the Town Hall curtain he painted 50 years ago.

Margo Culley commented on budget response from the Swift River School Board Meeting.

Part -Time Computer Clerk position for the Assessors will be advertised.

Board reappointed Wanita Sears as Selectboard Clerk. Meeting recessed at 10:00 until Saturday May 11, 1996 at 9:00 for discussion of the Annual Town Meeting warrant items contingent on an override.

Wendell Selectboard Meeting May 14,1996 Minutes Members present were Anne Zak, Margo Culley, and Ted Lewis. Also present were Joe Coll, Athol Daily News, Regina Curtis, Town Coordinator, and Wanita Sears. Warrant and minutes were signed. Correspondence was reviewed. Meeting convened at 7:00.

Elizabeth Scully attended on behalf of the Council on Aging. Anne Zak signed Formula Grant. Senior Center room work was discussed.

Ms. Zak announced there will be no Selectboard Meeting on May 21,1996 as she and Ted Lewis will be out of town.

George Boyle from NYNEX spoke with Michael Idoine on Pole Hearing concerns. Board signed for Wendell Depot Rd.

Center Rd. Pole Hearing withdrawn. New hearing to be held June 4, 1996 at 6:30.

Hal Stowell told the Board that the State Forest will place a locked gate at the beginning of Sears Road to deter trash dumping. Board discussed the ongoing trash dumping problems with Mr. Stowell.

Eric Egol asked the Board's permission to hold a four band Jazz Festival on the Common Saturday July 6, 1996 for 75 to 200 people. He has arranged for camping and shuttling from Lake Wyola. Board suggested Swallow Rise Farm or other private landowners due to Town liability.

Paul Rich asked the Board to have Michael Wing's dogs removed due to their barking. Board agreed to discuss legal action with Clerk of Courts.

Fin Com discussed Money Management Team, Schools, and GMA Committee for FY '97 with the Board.

The Board asked Mark Stewart to attend the June 4,1996 meeting to discuss unregistered vehicles.

PZ Massamont Insurance has been selected for municipal coverage.

Wendell Annual Town Meeting is May 28, 29, and 30 at 7:30 in the Town Hall. Meeting adjourned at 9:45.

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~Selectboard Minutes~

Wendell Selectboard Meeting June 4. 1996 Minutes Members present were Anne Zak, Ted Lewis , and Margo Culley. Also present was Holly Brooks, Greenfield Reeorder and Wanita Sears.
Correspondenee was reviewed and minutes were signed. Meeting eonvened at 7:00.

Cheryl and Jeff Riehardson attended to diseuss that delays on Pole Hearing are due to negotiations with Mass Electrie. Board will send letter to Mass Electrie supporting Mr. Riehardson's plans.

The Board granted Josh Dostis's request to use of the bandstand on July 4th for an Uncle Sam's Birthday Party from 10-2. He will serve waffles Those attending are asked to make donations or bring toppings.

Shirley White diseussed areh and light renovations at the Town Hall with the Board.

Town Hall Stage Renovation Publie Hearing will be June 11, 1996 at 6:30 in the Town Hall.

Free Box will be moved to the front of the Town Offiee on June 23rd prior to the Historieal Soeiety leasing the Meetinghouse.

Gail Bowes, Town Treasurer requested verifieation of employee pay raises.

The Board extended Parker Cleveland"s unregistered vehiele removal until June 15.

Phil Delorey was appointed as Alternate Building Inspector.

Jonathan Von Ranson was appointed as Assistant Moderator.

Edward Marehefka was appointed as Franklin County Wiring Inspeetor.

Swift River School Committee Meeting will be June 6, 1996 at 7:30.

Lake Grove Community Advisory Board Meeting will be June 13, 1996 at 7:00.

Paul Rich sent letter to Board expressing ongoing dog problems. Clerk of Courts has been unavailable for diseussion of this matter.

Franklin County Home Care Annual Senior Pienie is July 18, 1996.

Summer seheduling of Seleetboard Meetings diseussed for posting.

Board voted to direet the Town Aeeountant to use 171.77 from Temp Town Offiee Repairs to install shelving in the Treasurer's office and eredit Emergeney Snow Removal Funds to Highway Department Expense.

Board members diseussed repairs needed while reviewing Safety Audit issued by Worker's Comp earrier.

Anne Diemand reviewed seleetions of equipment to be bought for the playground with the D.A.R. E. Grant funds.
Meeting adjourned at 9:15

Wendell Selectboard Meeting June 11,1996 Minutes Members present were Anne Zak and Margo Culley. Ted Lewis attended Jessie Wetherby's calling hours. Also present were Joe Coll, Athol Daily News, Regina Curtis, Town Coordinator, and Wanita Sears. Warrant was signed and eorrespondenee reviewed. Meeting eonvened at 7:15 after Board attending Town Hall Stage Renovation Publie Meeting.

There will be a party on June 13, 1996 at 3:00 for Janiee Barrett our General Munieipal Assistant.

Dennis Rindone, Erving Selectman presented the Board with a eheek for $79,192.82. This was found by Erving Town Aeeountant and is from the 1984 Rehabilitation Housing Program Paybaeks administered for Wendell by Erving in 1984.

Board agreed to send a letter to Franeis Zak, Prineipal of Mahar Regional School supporting Student Counеil Diversity Programs.

Board signed a letter to Fire Chief Everett Ricketts to not allow any further use of facilities by non department personnel.

Franklin County Seleetman's Association will meet in Orange on June 27,1996 at 6:00 P.M.

Low Level Radioaetive Waste Meeting will be held in Boston on June 25, 1996 at 9:00 A.M.

Board diseussed wheather petition reeeived on General Municipal Assistant position would require a Special Town Meeting. Board agreed to file with artieles for next Special Town Meeting.

Union 28 School Committee Meeting is is June 12,1996 at 7:30 P.M.

Anne Zak signed bonds for Tax Colleetor and Town Clerk.

New Salem / Wendell Negotiation Subeommittee Meeting on eollective bargaining will be held June 13,1996 at 7:30 P.M.

Board will meet soon with Tax Collector Judy Wilder to diseuss the letter from Jonathan Von Ransom eoneerning baek property taxes owed Wendell.
Meeting adjourned at 8:45

Wendell Seleetboard Meeting June 25,1996 Minutes Members present were Anne Zak, Ted Lewis, and Margo Culley. Also present were Regina Curtis, Town Coordinator and Wanita Sears. Warrant and minutes were signed .
Correspondenee was reviewed.
Meeting eonvened at 7:00.

All Board members signed for annual appointed positions.

Board will not send a letter to Mahar Regional Sehool in support of diversity programs.

Letter received from Paul Rieh requesting Board eome to his house to hear dogs barking.

Danny Baeiagalupo notified the Board that the Highway Department is $10,000 over budget. Amounts from storm damage diseussed for State and Federal relief.

Anne Zak signed letter to Emergeney Management Board.

Thank you eard received from Janiee Barrett for her party.

Dry Hydrant Publie Hearing will be held at the Town Hall on July 2,1996 at 6:15.

Erie Wight, Building Inspeetor requested the Board appoint a eitizen to help determine the safety hazards of building at 82 Lockes Village Road.
Board appointed Maggie Houghton.

Board granted Maggie Houghton, Dog Offieer's request for use of the Town Common for a dog training eourse beginning Wednesday July 24,1996 from 6:30-7:30 having 4-6 sessions. Linda Hiekman will organize with emphasis on ehildren training their dogs.

Anne Zak signed for Housing Rehabilitation administered by the Franklin Regional Housing Authority.

Letter reeeived from Mass Eleetrie about Jeff Riehardson's request for underground wiring.

Thank you letters will be sent to Dale Kowaeki, Erving Town Aeeountant for the Housing Rehabilitation eheek returned to Wendell and to Amherst for the paint they donated for the Highway Department building.

Letter reeeived from Dale Kowaeki eoncerning Swift River Scool eonstruetion audit.

State budget numbers have been sent to Governor Weld.

Erie Wight will speak to neighbors of the Paddoeks of their eoneern about the trailer on their property.

Swift River School Committee meeting will be June 27, 1996 at 7:30.

MDC Workshop eoneerning publie aeeess and reereational aetivities at Quabbin will be held on June 27,1996.

Gail Bowes, Treasurer requested eopies for all appointed positions on the payroll.
Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Wendell Seleetboard Meeting July 9, 1996 Minutes Members present were Anne Zak, Margo Culley, and Ted Lewis. Also present were Regina Curtis, Town Coordinator, Joe Coll, Athol Daily News, and Wanita Sears. Warrant and minutes were signed.
Correspondenee was reviewed.
Meeting eonvened at 7:00.

Erie Wight, Building Inspector will meet with the Board and Planning Board on August 6, 1996 to diseuss sawmill and fenee bylaws.

Erie Wight has is informing residents on Loeke's Village Road to remove offensive trailer.

Typist will be sought for all Town Departments eorrespondenee.

There will be a Community Policing Meeting on July 12,1996 at 10.00.

Board sent Everett Rieketts, Fire Chief eopy of poliey for use of Town equipment for personal use.

Resumes for Assessors Clerk given to Board of Assessors for review.

Letter reeeived from Sid Mann for removal of quarry stone on Bear Mountain Road. Board will refer to Conservation Commission and Planning Board.

Board granted Sharon Gensler's request to put a sandwieh board Farmer's and Gardener's Market sign on the Common.

Parker Cleveland will apply for a hobby permit for his vehicles.

Board diseussed storm damage washouts in the State Forest and drainage problems there.

Discussion of Article 26 Nuclear Waste committee formation.

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Letter received from Robert Newarn questioning his FID.

Nancy Riebschaelger, Town Accountant will offer computer classes for Town employees on Tuesday afternoons.

Ted Lewis and Danny Baciagalupo will attend a Cemetary Meeting at John Gates, Town Counsel's office on July 23,1996 at 2:00.

Discussed Eric Wight's letter to Michael John for removal of building on Lockes Village Road within 10 days. Town will remove after 10 days.

Anne Zak signed several grant related documents.

Release form will be sent to Janice Barrett for signature.

Anne Zak and Margo Culley will attend the Franklin County CDC press conference and reception at the Lunt Center on July 18,1996 at 4:00.

Planning Board Public Hearing for a guest cabin special permit at 90 Lockes Village Road will be held at 7:00.

Letter received from Department of Public Health concerning breast cancer.

Scenic Road and Shade Tree Hearing for Mount Mineral Road will be held July 17,1996 at 8:00.

Discussed Storm Damage Disaster Relief.

Board will notify School Superindendent that Morse Village Road work will not be done before schools open.
Meeting adjourned at 9:15.

Wendell Selectboard Meeting July 23,1996 Minutes Members present were Anne Zak, Margo Culley, and Ted Lewis. Also present was Regina Curtis, Town Coordinator and Wanita Sears. Warrant was signed and correspondence reviewed. Meeting convened at 7:00

Public Hearing was held for Housing Grant Rehabilitation.

Parker Cleveland's hobby permit for Volvos was discussed.

MEMA Storm Relief for Wendell of $85,000 will be sent to Governor Weld for signature.

Board advised Paul Rich of their referral of Michael Wing to Eric Wight, Zoning Officer for a Special Permit Hearing for his sawmill.

Discussion of letter about dog problems from Paul Rich.

Jean Dwight has been hired as Assessor's Clerk.

Emma Cappaluzzo requested the Board send her a thank you for the 5 spruce trees removed from her propety by the Highway Department. Board will send letter of apology.

Michael Wing discussed with Board his contact with Eric Wight on his sawmill. Permit not required as sawmill is not a structure. Board discussed restrictions on times of day Mr. Wing can operate mill because of noise.

Anne Zak will attend the Route 2 Task Force Meeting on August 1, 1996 at 7:00 in the Athol Town Hall.

Availability of funds for Town Hall floor and kitchen repairs discussed.

Eric Wight has been hired as Alternate Building Inspector for Franklin County.

Board discussed issues of Cemetary and Lockes Village Road trailer removal from meeting with Town Counsel, John Gates.
Respectfully Submitted,

Wendell Selectboard Meeting August 6,1996 Minutes Members present were Anne Zak, Margo Culley, and Ted Lewis. Also present were Regina Curtis, Town Coordinator and Wanita Sears. Warrant and minutes were signed. Correspondence was reviewed. Meeting convened at 7:00.

Bids will be opened for Morse Village Rd. on August 22,1996 at 2:00.

Pole hearing held and signed for New Salem Rd.

Letter received from John Gates, Town Counsel on encroachment and role of zoning enforcement officer.

Letter received on Franklin County Commission reorganization.

Board signed approval for Historical Commission's use of Town Hall and Common for Summer Fest , Saturday August 10, 1996.

Letter received from Wilbur Smith Planners requesting Wendell Bylaws for Rte. 2 planning.

Pole hearing held for Center Rd. Board, NYNEX Representative, and Cheryl Richardson reviewed positioning at Center Rd, agreement made and signed by Board.

Received EPA Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention notice.

Board agreed Jean Dwight, Assessors Clerk will receive salary for her position.

Board signed contract with Roy Bishop for the Assessors office.

Public notice will be posted for Low Level Radioactive Waste meeting in September.

Upcoming State Supplemental Budget has $26,881 additional in Chapter 90 funds for Wendell.

Mann Lumber reviewed as lowest bid for window replacement in Town Hall and Library.

Hours of operation discussed for Michael Wing's sawmill.
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 for Board to meet with Planning Board.

Wendell Selectboard Meeting August 20, 1996 Minutes Members present were Anne Zak, Ted Lewis, and Margo Culley. Also present were Joe Coll, athol Daily News and Wanita Sears. Warrant and minutes were signed . correspondence was reviewed. Meeting convened at 7:00.

Board members signed Block Grant for housing rehabilitation for West High St., Erving.

Estimates reviewed from Charles Bado and Charles Bowes for Town Hall floor replacement.

Bids reviewed for Town Hall windows.

Board signed request from Gloria Kegeles for use of Town Hall & Common for Harvest Festival on September 21, 1996.

Refund of $330.11 received from Blue Cross Blue Shield costs.

Received letter from Fran Zera, former Wendell reporter from the Greenfield Recorder of his move to Georgia.

Request signed for Michael Idnine to rent tables and chairs from Town Hall.

Letters received from Town Counsel, John Gates on Scenic Road Act , Cemetary, and encroachment on abuttors property.

Community Environmental Mobile Unit will be at GCC next week.

Bid opening for Morse Village Rd. will be August 22,1996 at 2:00.

Conservation Commission Hearing for Morse Village Rd. recessed until August 28th.

Board discussed with Eric Wight , Building Inspector upcoming projects, unsafe buildings, encroachment, fee increase, sawmills, and his position as Zoning Bylaw Agent.

Judith Wilder will be appointed Assisstant Treasurer.

Telephone conversation with Bob Leet, Board of Health on complaint of sanitation at Fiske Pond and pursuit of Mass. GL 987 for odors from D&B Landfill.

Board signed letter in agreement to Veteran's Services request that 4 years of military service be used toward State & Municipal retirement.

Parker Cleveland will be issued a hobby permit for 3 vehicles.

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Clear audit was received for Community Block Grant.

Hours and bylaws for Michael Wing's sawmill operation were discussed. There will be a dog hearing for Mr. Wing's dogs on September 10, 1996 at 8:00. Letter from Mr. Wing requested copies of all town information on prior complaints.
Meeting adjourned at 9:15.

Wendell Selectboard Meeting
September 3, 1996 Minutes
Members present were Anne Zak, Margo Culley, and Ted Lewis. Also present were Regina Curtis, Town Coordinator, Joe Coll, Athol Daily News, and Wanita Sears. Warrant and minutes were signed. Correspondence was reviewed. Meeting convened at 7:00

Received bid from Tom Chaisson for Town Hall floor replacement.

Anne Zak and Margo Culley will attend the Franklin County Selectman's Association Meeting focusing on Rowe Yankee nuclear plant.

Discussion of Wendell's representative for Franklin County Planning Board.

TIP program for Massachusetts road repair discussed.

Copy of letter received sent to Road Commisioners from Franklin County Planning Board Road Management.

Conservation Committee's Order of Conditions received for Morse Village Rd.

Preconstruction conference with Warner Bros. for Morse Village Rd. will be September 5, 1996 at 2:00 at the Senior Center.

Bid opening for dry hydrants will be September 6, 1996 at the Franklin County Regional Housing Authority. Determination of Appicability received. MDC approval received for Watershed Protection Act at Stone's Pond.

Zoning Board of Appeals public hearing for Michael Wing's barn tonight is postponed until September 19, 1996 at 8:30.

Cemetary and Herrick transfers will have to be applied for with new forms.

All Board members signed Election Warrant.

Board set Special Town Meeting for October 8, 1996 at 7:00 at the Town Hall.

Board will meet with Finance Committee on September 10,1996 to discuss Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Anne Diemand spoke to Board of Playground Work Party on September 29, 1996 in 2 shifts from 9-12 and 12-3. Rain date is October 6, 1996.

Nancy Riebschlaeger, Town Accountant discussed personnel policy and bylaws for payroll processing. This will be discussed at All Board Meeting.

Roger Choiniere attended to discuss noises from autos, sawmill, and animals from his neighbor Michael Wing. Mr. Choiniere also expressed concern for oil sediment at his property during highwater spring season.

Clerk's position for Board of Health will be posted.

Lake Grove School will use the Town Hall for a convocation on September 19, 1996.

Massachusetts Highway Department "96 Supplemental Budget Chapter 90 funds are $26,881. "97 chapter 90 funds are $161,284

Department of Education Foundation Reserve Program funds for Mahar are $250,000 and Swift River $45,113.

Discussion of Michael Wing's sawmill hobby.

Dog hearing scheduled for September 10, 1996 for Wickett Pond Rd.

Copy of letter received from DEM from homeowner on Kentfield Rd., a discontinued road concerning bridge condition.

Shelburne Control meeting minutes received discussing merger of dispatch and Shelburne Control.

Low Level Radioactive Waste Board Meeting will be held on September 11, 1996 in Boston.

Received Franklin County Coop Inspector's report for FY'96.

Quotes reviewed for Town Hall floor.

Received listing of Community Health Seminars at GCC for fall.
Meeting adjourned at 10:00
Respectfully Submitted,
Wanita Sears
Selectboard Clerk

Theodore O. Lewis
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Our Black Bear Neighbors

There have been several sightings of black bear in Wendell this year. This is another sign that the wildlife that existed in the New England woods before European settlement is returning.

Prior to the widespread clearing of the New England forest it is estimated there were from 1500 to over 3000 bears in Massachusetts. The number of bears declined steadily as their forested habitat was cleared and hunting was unregulated (many towns had bounties). In the late 1800s bear numbers reached a low point in Massachusetts with an estimated population of fewer than 10 bears.

Widespread farm abandonment in the early 1900s resulted in the gradual return of the forest. Today, Massachusetts is 55% forested and hunting is regulated which has resulted in the return of the bear to much of its former range in the state. The present bear population is estimated to be 1200 with most of those west of the Connecticut River.

Although the return of the bear is encouraging, times have changed and there are now over 6 million people living in Massachusetts. The challenge today is for bears and people to coexist.

The black bear is omnivorous eating seasonally available foods like berries, fruits, grasses and nuts (beechnuts, acorns and hickory nuts). When these foods are scarce bears may wander into farm fields and backyards in search of food.

The Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife has the following suggestions for reducing potential damage by bears: 1) exercise good farming habits, 2) remove all sources of alternative foods (garbage or refuse, pet food, bird feeders, animal carcasses), 3) move domestic animals into protected areas and away from areas with heavy cover, 4) maintain well-mowed, cleared corridors around beehives, agricultural crops or livestock holding areas, and 5) alternate row crops to provide less cover. In addition don't knowingly feed bears near your home since this will only attract more bears and make them used to humans.

The black bear is not a dangerous animal, but is potentially dangerous if provoked. In June, I surprised a bear in the woods of Williamsburg and judging by the speed at which it ran away I concluded it was more scared of me than I was of it.

If you encounter a bear keep your distance and do not get the bear into a position that may corner or threaten it since any animal's (including humans!) response to this, is to attack. If you wish to scare the bear away, banging a pot with a wooden spoon or making some other loud noise will often frighten the bear away.

The bear's seasonal food preferences means a likely place to encounter a bear in summer is in areas with lots of berry bushes or vines. In the fall, mature oak and beech stands are frequented by bears. These stands often produce large quantities of nuts which bears depend on to build up winter fat.

The black bear was a resident of the these woods long before Europeans "settled" the land and with a healthy respect for this wonderful animal and a little common sense we can coexist in Wendell peacefully.

Bill Lafley

Bear Waits For Bus

It was Fall of 1994. The morning was crisp and clear, I was out having my morning coffee watching the sun rise and the earth coming alive. The Locke Hill students meet the bus at my driveway's end. To my surprise here comes one of the students running down my driveway with one horrified look on his face.

He proceeds to run right past me into my house. I, in turn, ran after him to find out what was up. Though he was crying and quite shaken he managed to tell me he had just seen a bear at the bus stop. With my coffee in hand, robe on and my good ole trusty boots I ran to the bus stop, only to catch a glimpse of the black bear's back end slipping into the woods. I still wonder what I would have done if I had come face to face with it! Offer it my coffee perhaps!

Raeann Maynard
Locke Hill Rd.

It's a Long Ride to Wendell

In early August this year, Dick Leet, who is Bob's father and is 72 years old, arrived in Wendell after a 101-day, 4,100-mile bicycle ride from one son's house in Anchorage, Alaska to another son's house in Wendell. Last year he rode from his home in Washington, near Portland Oregon to Anchorage.

He traveled alone on the most northern route through roads he found, covering 40 to 50 miles a day, limiting his riding time to six hours a day and going slow enough to avoid sweating, and the chilling that follows it. He is not fond of high tech equipment, but prepared thoroughly and in great detail and carried 100 lbs. of gear suspended all over his bicycle. He ate some meals in restaurants, but slept out for the whole trip. In rain and lightning storms he continued riding, knowing that his tent was no more protection than his rain gear.

He learned cold weather camping and survival in the service, and knew to anticipate and avoid fatigue, hypothermia, and dehydration. He carried pills of magnesium, potassium and calcium and only once had some pain on a long hill.

Water was his biggest problem. He carried 1½ gallons and tried to keep himself supplied in towns rather than purifying surface water. The residents of one town would not let him get water and sent him to the next town, but their communications with him were not in English, and he never learned their reason.

Mosquitoes were the worst; at one campsite a family came to talk with him, but he had to keep himself zipped inside his tent to keep it clear of insects for the coming night, and eventually the mosquitoes drove the family away as well. On the road, they bit underneath his helmet strap.

One week before his departure from home he slipped on ice and hurt his shoulder so that when he started to ride he had to lift his right hand up to the handlebar with his left hand.

In Ontario he was blown over by wind and cracked a rib, but he continued on... "Oh, that's a cracked rib," he said. Also in Ontario, his road was closed because of a forest fire, but he had no alternate route, and continued on through an area that had already been burned.

He traced his route on a map, and recalled people and their stories by their location. He met other cyclists, many trying to go faster, and getting hurt because of it. There was one couple riding from California to Portugal by way of Siberia. There are roads in Siberia, but they were built by the Russian military during the Cold War, and there are no maps yet that show where the roads go.

I knew Dick was riding this way, and wanted to talk with him when he arrived, but he stayed in Wendell only a week before returning back home to Washington by train.

Josh Heinemann

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